



# MBA

**GET A BETTER GIG WITH A PROFESSIONAL MBA.**



## PROFESSIONAL MBA ADMISSIONS TOOLKIT

This kit contains the tools you'll need to help you get a better gig with a Texas A&M MBA.

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# PMBA



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## PROFESSIONAL MBA BROCHURE

Get more confidence. Get that promotion.  
Get moving up the corporate ladder.

The Professional MBA program at Texas A&M University is designed for business professionals with two or more years of experience who want to immediately apply their classroom learning to the workplace. In this academically rigorous program, you'll interact with world-class faculty. You'll have high-impact, real-world experiences. And, in just 22 months, you'll graduate with a top-tier degree, an iconic Aggie ring and the powerful Aggie Network behind you.

### DON'T QUIT YOUR DAY JOB.

PMBA classes meet on alternating weekends – Friday evenings and Saturdays – at the Mays Business School campus at Houston's CityCentre. This state-of-the-art facility provides plenty of classroom and study space as well as executive-quality areas for meetings, conferences and events.

Whether traveling from within the United States or across the world, our CityCentre campus can be easily accessed through Houston's two international airports.



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One of the unique things about the Mays MBA program is the Capstone Project. That is where you can consolidate all you've learned through your time in the program into one final project. I chose one aspect of my company for the capstone project and through the analysis, we went on to make a substantial investment for my company. It's been a great decision and was incredibly practical for our business.”

#### **BRIAN DESPAIN**

Professional MBA Class of 2018  
President at Global O-Ring  
and Seal

## GET CLIMBING UP THAT CORPORATE LADDER.

The Texas A&M Professional MBA program is ranked 18th among public schools and 30th overall in the *U.S. News & World Report 2021* ranking of U.S. programs.

PMBA coursework is composed of 39 credit hours in major disciplines and six credit hours of electives. Core classes are grounded in the business fundamentals of management, finance, marketing, accounting, strategy, supply chain and global operations. Offered during the summer semester of your first year and the spring semester of the second year, elective courses include Entrepreneurship, Services Marketing, Digital Marketing Strategy and Energy Markets/Energy Finance, Predictive Analytics: R Programming And Tableau and Analytics for Financial Reporting.

Mays Business School offers a variety of applied-learning experiences so you can put your new knowledge into practice at your own workplace.



I was pleasantly surprised by my team experience. With such a diverse background of educational, personal and professional experiences, each student brought something unique to the table. We taught each other. We learned from each other.”

**STERLING FRISON**

Professional MBA Class of 2016  
Structural/Mechanical Engineer,  
Boeing

## KEEP CLIMBING WITH PROFESSIONAL CAREER MANAGEMENT.

As a Texas A&M PMBA student, you have access to our Career Management Center (CMC). Our experts are available to meet with you even before the program begins to structure your MBA journey and career path. They'll help you develop short- and long-term career management strategies and networking skills to help you navigate to a position of leadership. With professional guidance you'll strengthen skills such as resume writing, interviewing and salary negotiations. Best of all, our professional counselors remain available to you for life.

Using a value-proposition approach, our Career Management professionals will help you identify personal and professional attributes and experiences that better position you for growth opportunities and increase your marketability.

In the last five years, more than 50% of Professional MBA students expected to receive a promotion as a result of receiving their degree. More than 70% took on new responsibilities and nearly 20% received a significant salary increase.

## GET REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCES.

The Texas A&M PMBA program offers numerous opportunities outside the classroom including an International Experience during the summer session between your first and second year. You and your classmates will choose one or more foreign countries where you'll be immersed in the culture. You'll learn about regional economies and globalization and participate in a community service project.

In the Capstone Consulting Project, you'll use the knowledge you've gained during your studies to help a real-world client. You'll work independently or as a part of a team to produce recommendations for actionable results.

You'll strengthen your ability to work with a team, as well as your communications and leadership skills during the Team Building Experience in College Station, a fun and illuminating event.

## GET MORE FROM YOUR PMBA.

As a PMBA student, you'll get individualized attention from an internationally recognized faculty. You'll also make meaningful connections with classmates, career coaches and program leadership.

If you're interested in taking your career to new heights, have a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution and at least two years of professional experience, we're interested in you. Generally, we look for candidates who are a good fit with Texas A&M culture and core values, who are well-positioned for moving into leadership roles, and who will offer meaningful contributions working with a team.

Before you apply, reach out to us through one of our virtual events or email us at [mbaprograms@mays.tamu.edu](mailto:mbaprograms@mays.tamu.edu). Our program is highly competitive and our class size is limited so candidates are encouraged to apply early. For more information or to start the application process, visit [pmba.tamu.edu](http://pmba.tamu.edu). **And "Gig 'em," Aggies.**

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## MBA PROGRAM COMPARISON

Get more confidence. Get that promotion. Get moving up the corporate ladder. Get a better gig with an MBA from Texas A&M. Whether you're starting out or stepping up, Texas A&M has an MBA program designed for you. By offering a Full-Time MBA, Professional MBA and Executive MBA, we can help you take your career to a whole new level.

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

PROGRAM DETAILS	FULL-TIME MBA	PROFESSIONAL MBA	EXECUTIVE MBA
PROGRAM RANKING	<i>Financial Times</i> places the Full-Time MBA 19th among public programs in its 2020 ranking of U.S. programs	<i>U.S. News &amp; World Report</i> rates the PMBA 18th among public schools and 30th overall in its 2021 ranking of U.S. programs	In its 2020 ranking, <i>The Economist</i> rates the EMBA 1st in Texas and 9th in the nation among public programs.
PROGRAM LENGTH	Eighteen months, beginning in July of each year	Twenty-two months, beginning in July of each year	Twenty-one months, beginning in July of each year
PROGRAM STRUCTURE	Two semesters in Year 1, followed by a summer break; third and final semester in fall of Year 2; optional fourth semester available	Five semesters each containing 10 class weekends (classes continue through summer)	Four semesters each containing 10 class weekends (no required summer classes between Year 1 and Year 2)
CLASS SCHEDULE	Full-time coursework, Monday-Friday	6 p.m.-10 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, alternating weekends	9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, alternating weekends
LOCATION	COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS Mays Business School at Texas A&M University	HOUSTON, TEXAS CityCentre Campus	HOUSTON, TEXAS CityCentre Campus
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT	Two years full-time post-graduate	Two years full-time post-graduate	Ten years professional work experience or seven years managerial experience
PROGRAM COST*	\$63,000 for Texas Residents (estimate includes tuition and fees only)	\$99,500 for Texas Residents (estimate includes tuition, fees, books, materials, Residency Week, and International Trip)	\$99,500 for Texas Residents (estimate includes tuition, fees, books, materials, Residency Week, and Washington Campus Seminar)

\*Program cost is based on Texas A&M 2021-2022 tuition rates and is subject to change.

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## PROFESSIONAL MBA APPLICATION CHECKLIST

### Howdy!

We are excited that you're ready to get a better gig with an MBA from Texas A&M University. Below is a checklist to help guide you through the process.



Still have application questions? Reach out to [mbaprograms@mays.tamu.edu](mailto:mbaprograms@mays.tamu.edu) and we'll schedule a no obligation, one-on-one application consultation with you.

### Application

#### Online application and application fee

Information entered in the first three sections of the application is for all schools who use the common BusinessCAS application system. The fourth section contains questions specific to Texas A&M University and the Professional MBA program.

The application can be accessed at [tx.ag/ApplyMays](http://tx.ag/ApplyMays).

*If you are a current or former member of the US military, the application fee can be waived.*

*Email [mbaprograms@mays.tamu.edu](mailto:mbaprograms@mays.tamu.edu) for assistance.*

### Education History

#### Unofficial transcript copies from each post-secondary institution you have attended

If offered admission and you choose to enroll, you will then be required to submit your official transcripts.

### Test Scores

#### Valid GMAT or GRE scores from the last five years

#### OR the confirmation email for your scheduled date you plan to take the test

#### OR a signed, approved exam waiver form

Our GMAT code is 7B7-K9-16 and our GRE code is 5586.

Exam waivers are available, and you can find instructions in the online application on the Home page of the Program Materials section.

*Please contact an admissions professional at [mbaprograms@mays.tamu.edu](mailto:mbaprograms@mays.tamu.edu) with any questions you have regarding the waiver process.*

### Resume

#### Current professional resume or CV

Follow a 70-10-20 rule. About 70 percent of your resume should focus on your work experience, 10 percent should describe your education, and 20 percent can inform on everything else relevant to your profile as a Texas A&M MBA candidate.

Focus on what you've accomplished rather than simply describing your role and quantify your achievements where you can.

### Essays

#### One required essays

See the Professional MBA [essay prompts](#) here.

The third essay is optional unless you are a re-applicant from last year.

### Professional References

#### Two professional references

Please provide the name and contact information for one person we may reach out to if additional information is needed. References should be able to speak about your professional skills and accomplishments. We do not require recommendation letters.

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## FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST



Use any combination of these options to pay for your MBA program.

### OPTIONS TO PAY

- Employer Support or Third-Party Sponsor**  
Your employer or a third-party pays for a portion or all of the program.
- Apply for Financial Aid**  
Financial aid is available to almost all students regardless of income.
- Military Benefits**  
Eligible students can use military benefits such as VA Chapter 33-Post 9/11 GI Bill and/or Hazlewood Exemption.
- Pay Out of Pocket**  
Each semester, pay a portion or all of your bill out of pocket.
- Installment Plan**  
Pay your "Out of Pocket" portion each semester in four installments. Summer semesters consist of two installments.

### HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

1. Complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#).
  - The FAFSA is available on October 1 prior to the aid year in which you enroll.
  - Texas A&M's school code is 003632.
2. If applying for a Grad Plus Loan, complete the additional required [application](#). Be sure to complete all required steps in the process.
3. Once financial aid is awarded, complete the following steps:
  - Go to the [Howdy Portal](#),
  - Go to the **Financial Aid Portal** via the "My Finances" tab,
  - On the "Award" tab, click on "Begin Processing,"
  - You may accept as much or as little of each award as needed.



Figuring out how to pay for your program doesn't need to be a stressful experience!

Contact our dedicated MBA financial aid liaison, **Joanne Byrne** at [jbyrne@mays.tamu.edu](mailto:jbyrne@mays.tamu.edu) with questions or to set up an appointment.



### TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

#### 1. Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan

- Annual maximum loan amount: \$20,500
- Must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <https://studentaid.gov> to be eligible

#### 2. Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan (Grad Plus)

- Additional federal loan up to the Cost of Attendance (COA) for the program
- Loan is based on credit score
- Must complete FAFSA to be eligible
- Must complete an additional loan application at <https://studentaid.gov>

#### 3. Alternative Loans

These loans are administered and processed through private lending institutions.

- For a list of preferred lenders, go to <https://financialaid.tamu.edu/Alternative-Loans>
- Or
- Use the private lender of your choice

#### 4. Texas Aggie Grad Grant

- Need-based award determined by Texas A&M's Scholarships & Financial Aid Department
- Must be a Texas Resident to be eligible
- Must complete FAFSA
- Complete this [required 1 page application](#)

#### 5. Veteran Benefits

- Must be eligible for veteran benefits
- Visit [veterans.tamu.edu](https://veterans.tamu.edu) for additional information and to check your eligibility

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